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SUBJECT: JAMAICA-T&T TRADE DEVELOPMENTS

REF: (A) KINGSTON 2036
(B) KINGSTON 2403

1. RECENTLY RELEASED TRADE STATISTICS INDICATE THAT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EXPORTS TO JAMAICA INCREASED FROM TT\$351,000 IN JANUARY 1977 TO TT\$1,089,000 IN JANUARY 1978, AN INCREASE OF OVER US\$300,000 IN ONE MONTH'S EXPORTS. THIS IS OBJECTIVE CONFIRMATION OF EASING OF IMPORT LICENSING DISCUSSED IN REF (A). HOWEVER, FLETCHER'S ASSUMPTION THAT THIS HAS RESULTED IN IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES MAY BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC.

2. SOURCE IN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (ADVISOR TO MINISTER, GEORGE RAMPERSAD) CONFIRMED THAT IMPORT LICENSES ARE AGAIN BEING ISSUED ON A SELECTIVE BASIS, BUT THOUGHT THAT THIS HAD MORE TO DO WITH MONEY U.S. AND OTHERS ARE MAKING AVAILABLE TO JAMAICA THAN WITH A CHANGE IN
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JAMAICA'S ATTITUDE ON IMPORTS FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. HE CONSIDERS REPLACEMENT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE AS ESSENTIALLY BAD NEWS FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO; HE FEELS COORE WAS "EASY" COMPARED TO BELL. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT PM WILLIAMS REACTION TO MANLEY'S OVERTURES MIGHT HAVE BEEN BUT RAMPERSAD IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS "GESTURE" WILL ENCOURAGE WILLIAMS' PARTICIPATION IN

A CARICOM HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. HE COMMENTED
THAT HE THINKS "SOMEONE HAS HIS HEARING AID TURNED OFF"--
A COMMENT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING RECENTLY IN CONNECTION
WITH OTHER PROBLEMS HERE AS WELL.
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